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Subject: PLEASE DENY Permits for Dewey-Burdock Uranium Mine!

Dear EPA,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Underground Injection Control Program's Draft Permits for the Proposed Dewey-Burdock Uranium Mine and Deep Disposal Wells.

Clean water is a right, not a want. Clean water is a necessity, not a luxury. Clean water is life, dirty water is.....

Every living thing on Earth depends on clean water to thrive and survive. And clean water is a necessity so that our forests and lands thrive and survive too. The EPA can and must be allowed to protect all of us. Our lives depend on it!

The proposed mine and deep disposal wells are in an area that is documented to have faults, fractures, breccia pipes, and over 7000 old boreholes that have not been properly plugged. It will be impossible to contain mining fluids or waste liquids, and contamination of groundwater resources is very likely.

I am also concerned that adequate oversight of the quality of liquid wastes pumped into the Minnelusa Formation through the proposed deep disposal wells will be inadequate, and groundwater is likely to be contaminated.

A full survey of cultural and historical sites is needed before mining or deep disposal is allowed. Cultural and historical sites must be protected.

The history of uranium mining indicates that uranium mining cannot be done without creating and leaving contamination. Groundwater has never been returned to its original condition at any In-Situ leach uranium mine in the U.S. These permits should not be issued until it can be demonstrated that groundwater resources will be protected.

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